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1. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SMUN NOTE DATED MARCH 9, 1976
IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE USSR MISSION CANNOT BUT DRAW THE US MISSION'S
ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THIS TERRORIST ACT IS JUST ONE
IN THE SERIES OF RECENTLY INCREASING ACTS OF TERRORISM
AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND OTHER
SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK AS WELL AS THEIR PERSONNEL.
ALL THIS TESTIFIES TO THE FACT THAT, DESPITE THE REPEATED
OFFICIAL PLEDGES GIVEN BY THE US MISSION AND BY THE US
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UN COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST
COUNTRY, IN POINT OF FACT, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE
NOT UNDERTAKEN THE NECESSARY EFFECTIVE STEPS WHICH WOULD
PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR HOSTILE ACTIONS BY
CRIMINAL ELEMENTS AGAINST THE BUILDING OF THE USSR MISSION
TO THE UN AND THE PREMISES OF OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS
IN NEW YORK.

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IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER SUCH AN ATTITUDE OF THE OFFICIAL

AUTHORITIES AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN CONNIVANCE (POPUSTITELSTVO) TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, WITH TERRORIST ELEMENTS PRACTISING GANGSTERISM METHODS AGAINST OFFICIAL FOREIGN DELEGATIONS.

THE USSR MISSION CANNOT BUT EXPRESS ASTONISHMENT AT THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL AS WELL AS FEDERAL AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE STEPS TO CONTROL THESE HOSTILE ELEMENTS COMMITTING TERRORIST ACTS, CONDEMNED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW, AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL. THE USSR MISSION CANNOT BUT ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT, UP TO THE PRESENT, NOT ONE PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF THIS KIND OF ACTION BY CRIMINAL ELEMENTS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE PART OF OFFICIAL US AUTHORITIES.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-STATED, LODGES A VIGOROUS PROTEST IN REGARD TO THE CRIMINAL ACT COMMITTED AGAINST THE AEROFLOT OFFICE IN NEW YORK AND EXPRESSES ANEW THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL FINALLY TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT AND BAN SIMILAR CRIMINAL ACTS IN THE FUTURE. THE USSR MISSION ALSO INSISTS THAT THE OUTSIDE GUARD AT THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN BUILDING AS WELL AS THE PREMISES OCCUPIED BY OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK BE EFFECTIVELY STRENGTHENED.

A COPY OF THE PRESENT NOTE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY.

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